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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRESS COVERAGE OF OIL NATIONALIZATION

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1. CALL ATTENTION TO TWO WEEKEND EDITORIALS IN OFFICIAL AL-FAJR AL-JADID ATTACKING USG FOR THREATENING AN OIL BOYCOTT IN REPRISAL FOR LIBYAN OIL NATIONALIZATIONS. EDITORIALS SUMMARIZED IN FBIS M221356 AND M231449. FURTHER INDICATION OF THEIR OFFICIAL BACKING IS THAT THE FIRST EDITORIAL WAS READ AS THE LEAD ITEM ON LARGE DOMESTIC NEWS PROGRAM IN ARABIC SEPT 22. SAME EDITORIAL ATTACKS USG FOR REPORTEDLY EXPRESSING FEAR THAT LAR IS ACQUIRING ADVANCED WEAPONS, AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO RECENT WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON CROTALE MISSILES. (LIBYANS TEND TO ASSUME THAT AMERICAN PAPERS PUBLISH WHAT USG

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WANTS, JUST AS LIBYAN PAPERS PUBLISH WHAT LARG WANTS.)

2. SAME THEMES EXPRESSED IN A RADIO TRIPOLI COMMENTARY IN ARABIC SEPT 22. SEE FBIS M221524.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO MEDIA REFERENCE YET TO OUR NOTE TO MFA OF SEPT 14 ON OIL NATIONALIZATIONS. IF THERE IS ONE LATER, IT MAY BE COUPLED WITH A REFERENCE TO A PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE OPEC MINISTERIAL COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LARG. SUCH A STATEMENT IS EXPECTED SEPT 26 ACCORDING TO OIL MINISTER MABRUK (FBIS M202315).
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